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SUBJ: LAHORE HIGH COURT TO EXAMINE INTERNED BALUCH LEADERS

REF: LAHORE 1109

1. ACCORDING TO NOW 7 LAHORE PRESS, A BENCH OF LAHORE HIGH COURT WILL GO TO SIHALA (NEAR ISLAMABAD) NOV 28 TO EXAMINE INTERNED NAP BALUCH LEADERS BIZENJO, MENGAL, MARRI AND COL. SULTAN MAHMUD KHAN. AN ORDER TO THAT EFFECT WAS PASSED BY HIGH COURT JUSTICES SHAH AND SAMDANI NOV 6, AFTER DISALLOWING PLEA OF GOP ATTORNEY GENERAL BAKHTIAR ASSERTING THAT COURT DID NOT HAVE JURISDICTION TO HEAR VARIOUS PETITIONS ENTERED ON BEHALF OF INTERNEES. COURT OBSERVED THAT UNLESS DETAINEES WERE HEARD, NO QUESTION OF JURISDICTION OR ANY OTHER MATTER RELATING TO THEIR DETENTION COULD BE DECIDED.

2. COMMENT: HIGH COURT ACTION FOLLOWED NEARLY THREE MONTHS OF LEGAL FENCING IN LAHORE BETWEEN ATTORNEYS FOR BOTH SIDES. ALTHOUGH IT WAS PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED THAT NAP DETAINEES WOULD BE BROUGHT TO LAHORE FOR EXAMINATION, OR THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD MOVE THEM TO
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BALUCHISTAN FOR TRIAL, THEY HAVE APPARENTLY REMAINED IN

DETENTION AT SIHALA THROUGHOUT ENTIRE PERIOD. BOWING
TO GOVERNMENT'S CLAIMS ABOUT SECURITY AND POLITICAL
REPERCUSSIONS, COURT HAS TAKEN UNUSUAL STEP OF GOING
TO THEM FOR EXAMINATION.
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